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Ode to a Haggis

The attendees applaud at the conclusion of the toast to the haggis ceremony of the first ever Robert Burns Day celebration hosted by the Haliburton County Historical Society at the Maple Lake United Church on Thursday, Jan. 26. More on page 21. Darren Lum Staff

Gala a celebration of community

Darren Lum Staff reporter

It was fitting that the last award given at the sixth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards not only created a stirring speech, but was preceded by an applause virtually heard throughout the county.

The apparent resonating strength of its citizens, who are the pillars of the community, were

recognized for their past efforts and achievements with the gala event held at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, located just outside Haliburton on Saturday, Jan. 28. The nearblizzard conditions outside were in stark contrast to the warmth exhibited by this year's field of nominees.

This year's format included group photos of all the nominees up for every award, becoming a celebration of all the people worthy of winning an award. The three instrumental leaders of the Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) for Haliburton County, Bill Kerr, with wife Lisa and Janis Parker received thunderous applause after being named by the county's warden, Murray Fearrey, as this year's recipient for the Warden's Award of the Year.

Fearrey said this year's choice was not hard. Adding professionals are often perceived to be

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MPP hears importance of food programs

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

For Kyla Grexton, the support she received through local community food programs made all the difference.

A single mother with a four-year-old son, Grexton, 34, has relied on programs such as the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) and the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP), both facilitated through SIRCH Community Services.

Grexton shared her story on the importance of such services to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott on Jan. 24 at the Haliburton United Church.

During her visit, Scott heard first-hand the importance of offering food security to all members of the community and the resources that are available in Haliburton County thanks to dedicated volunteers.

A graduate of the SEW Resourceful program facilitated by SIRCH, Grexton left an abusive situation, leaving her alone to take care of her son.

Grexton used resources such as the Good Food Box to stretch her financial dollars.

"That's been a lifesaver," she said.

Through the CAPC and CPNP programs Grexton learned how to make healthy meals for her family.

Scott thanked Grexton for coming forward and sharing

"You're very lucky to have this community to support you," said Scott.

"I am. Me and my little man wouldn't be where we are without it," said Grexton.

Community Kitchen volunteer Jane van Nood talked to Scott about the program and how much it relies on volunteers and donations.

Minden Food Bank board chairwoman Barbara Walford-Davis showed the MPP what a typical Good Food Box contains and explained how families rely on it and local food banks each month to stretch their grocery dollars.

The MPP thanked all the volunteers for their time and emphasized how the programs they help facilitate are "helping families in very critical times."

'Times are tough and food is essential," she said. Scott spent the afternoon attending a Haliburton County



Angelica Blenich Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, (back row, third from left) meets with volunteers and coordinators of community food programs on Jan. 24 at the Haliburton United Church.

Back row from left, Rev. Harry Morgan, Nancy Brownsberger, Scott, Catherine Wheeler, Ruth Fletcher, Linda Heeps, Cathy McIlmurray, Kyla Grexton. Front row from left, Barbara Walford-Davis, Gena Robertson, Diane Smith and Jane van Nood.

FoodNet meeting, which includes representation from the local health unit, SIRCH, local food banks, Point in Time, Food for Kids and Community Care.

The aim of FoodNet is to provide food security for everyone in Haliburton County, through supporting food programs, advocating for public policies and raising awareness of poverty in the community.

Rosie Kadwell, public health dietitian and chairwoman of FoodNet, said there was a lot of information shared at the meeting with Scott.

"The FoodNet members talked about their successes and some of their challenges. She took lots of notes and listened to our concerns," said Kadwell.



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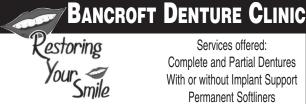
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Candice Youngdale was cleared by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation for her \$100,000 win.

While it was announced Dec. 5 that Youngdale had won the money on Instant Crossword, the money was held while the OLG went through the insider win investigation, as Youngdale's sister works for the corporation.

"It all went off without a hitch, so she was awarded her money," OLG spokesperson Dita Kuhtey said.



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Highlands East budget tight for 2012

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

With an \$88,800 loss in provincial funding and a rise in policing costs, Highlands East is looking at tightening their budget belts in 2012.

Members of council took a look at preliminary budget numbers at their Jan. 26 meeting. Chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig informed council the municipality was getting \$88,800 less through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund this year and unless that amount was funded through another source, it would cost the ratepayers \$8.80 extra on every \$100,000 of assess-

OPP policing costs were also up, coming in at \$639,758 this year, compared to \$593,786 last year, a difference of 7.74 per cent.

The municipality could not yet include wages in the budget as they were still in negotiations with the union, said Stoughton-Craig.

Budget items in the roads department include work on South Wilberforce Road, costing approximately \$120,000. Capital costs include the purchase of a backhoe at approximately \$100,000 and a loader at \$170,000.

"Machinery costs about \$250,000 a year," said roads supervisor Earl Covert. Council authorized Covert to issue tenders for the road surface treatment of South Wilberforce Road and for a loader and backhoe.

This year's fire budget came in at \$491,230, as presented by fire chief Bill Wingrove.

The number is comparable to last year's budget, before the municipality decided to spend \$140,000 on paying off one of the new fire trucks.

Wingrove told council he is hopeful they can continue to pay off outstanding debts on fire vehicles this year.

The biggest property expense to be undertaken by Highlands East this year is \$110,000 on capital expenditures for the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena

The amount includes a new chiller, among other items, said property supervisor Jim Alden.

Other expenses include \$11,300 for improvements to the Lloyd Watson Centre, which include new flooring, new kitchen doors and new ceiling tile.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge asked about replacing the flooring in the Gooderham library.

"Isn't that flooring in worse condition, should we look at replacing that first?" asked Partridge.

Alden said he would look into that and get back to coun-

Upgrades to the Monmouth Curling Club proved to be costly, ringing in at \$25,200, \$22,200 of which was budgeted to re-shingle the roof of the club. "The roof is starting to leak," said Alden.

Council agreed to pay \$2,500 to have the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost repainted. With no increases in expenses, the building department's budget remained the same as last year, according to Stoughton-Craig. Due to environmental supervisor Glen Covert being absent on vacation the department's budget was not presented to council.

Council passed a resolution to allow the Ontario Clean Water Agency to develop a financial plan for two drinking water systems for \$9,850. A more thorough look at the 2012 budget will be discussed at the Feb. 14 council meeting.



Showing their colours

Highlands East municipal staff and members of council show their support for the Kraft Hockeyville campaign currently being spearheaded in Wilberforce by Steve Kauffeldt (far right) by wearing a hockey jersey on Jan. 26. The jersey campaign was supported throughout the municipality as schools, businesses and individuals all participated. Angelica Blenich Staff

Municipality helps with pharmacy reno costs

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The municipality of Highlands East will be paying Wilberforce pharmacy owner Khosrow Eshkour \$45,000 to help cover the renovation costs for the medical centre.

Council decided at its Jan. 26 meeting that \$25,000 would be paid now, with the balance to be paid when the centre

Open since December, the medical centre is located at 2165 Loop Rd., in a building formerly owned by the municipality.

Council sold the building to Eshkour under the agreement it would house a pharmacy and a medical centre, the latter belonging to the municipality.

The agreement was the municipality would pay \$45,000 towards the renovation costs because we were getting the medical centre portion free of rent for six years," said chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

To date Eshkour has spent about half a million dollars in construction and renovation costs, said Stoughton-Craig, based on invoices she received from the owner.

Councillor Cecil Ryall asked when the centre would

"I spoke to him [Eshkour] yesterday and he told me it should be done within a month," said Stoughton-Craig.

Ryall said he would prefer a date in writing before handing over the funds.

I think that's a good idea," said Councillor Joan Barton.

"If it was done by March I would be quite happy," said Reeve Dave Burton.

Ryall reiterated that the entire amount should not be released until the centre was complete.

"So should we pay \$25,000 now and \$20,000 when the medical centre is open for operation?" asked Stoughton-

Council agreed on the arrangement and authorized Stoughton-Craig to issue a payment of \$25,000 now and \$20,000 when the medical centre is occupiable.

The cheque is being made payable to Eshkour, who is the municipality's landlord.

The municipality is hoping to attract doctors and health professionals to the area once the medical centre is com-

Councillors grapple with budget cuts

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors discussed the 2012 budget at their meeting Jan. 25.

The county must raise approximately \$12 million of its approximately \$18.5 million budget through taxation and it looks like councillors are aiming for a tax levy increase in the neighbourhood of two per cent.

Early last week, the county discovered it would lose \$332,000 in equalization payments from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, putting pressure on councillors to trim expenses in what is already shaping up to be an austere year for the county.

While not finalized, it appears the county has a surplus of about \$82,000 from 2011, which will be used to fund opera-

Reserves are sitting at approximately \$3.7 million, having decreased by nearly \$500,000 in 2011 as the county reached into its own pockets rather than borrow to com-

Another \$290,000 or so is slated to come out this year.

The draft budget contains a \$25,000 grant for physician recruitment; \$15,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which runs the Haliburton hatchery and \$4,000 for the Muskoka-Haliburton Children's Water Festival.

The county has been providing grants to the latter two organizations for years and is planning to phase out those grants during the current term of council.

The roads department accounts for 43 per cent of the draft budget; social services and housing 20 per cent; health 16 per cent; MPAC six per cent; administration four per cent; and economic development/tourism and the library in the neighbourhood of three per cent each.

Other expenses such as debenture payments comprise the remainder.

Department heads will be bringing revised draft budgets back to council for perusal.

The budget cannot be finalized until after provincial funding announcements are made. Those are expected to come in March.

EMS funding still up in the air

The county's EMS budget for 2012 remains a bit of a mystery at this time.

Councillors can't finalize the EMS budget until they learn how much funding they will be getting from the province

Treasurer Laura Janke told council she expects to receive that information in March.

'I think that today is a bit premature for the discussion, I know you want to talk about response times, etc.," Janke told councillors, asking them to wait to talk about any rejigging until after the provincial figures have been received.

The hiring of four additional full-time paramedics is included in the draft budget, which would allow the county an additional full-time ambulance, for a total of four.

'I think it's all about picking and choosing and that's what we're going to be faced with as a council," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "This particular area, we saw a big increase versus 2010 . . . it's up over a couple of hundred thousand dollars, but we made a decision to expand the coverage last year and that's what people expect. They expect to be able to get an ambulance when they dial 911.

The department has been gradually increasing additional coverage and weekend up-staffing to deal with call volumes and out-of-county transfers.

"Do we have any choice when it comes to out-of-county transfers?" Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wondered.

"No, is the short answer," EMS director Pat Kennedy said. The hospitals do a good job of using alternate transportation when they can.'

As part of the regulations of the Central East Local Health Integration Network, the county's ambulances often transport patients for treatment in locations such as Lindsay and

In 2007, the county spent \$50,000 on fuel cost for EMS compared to \$74,000 in 2011. That change directly reflects the increase in mileage, which went from 278,000 kilometres to 322,000 kilometres in that same timeframe.

Once provincial funding is determined, Janke and Kennedy intend to give either council or councillors on the emergency services committee a more detailed overview.

"I've got probably 17 different scenarios here I can pull out of a briefcase depending on what we get," Kennedy said. "I would ask you that you concentrate on the dollars and I will give you the best program I can with the dollars you approve."

EMS and health costs in the draft budget total approximately \$2.5 million, accounting for 16 per cent of the overall budget.

Library growth hard to maintain

The Haliburton County Public Library could be looking at shrinking its staff this year.

"The library has come in the last three years, asking for an increase, I'm fully aware of that," library CEO Bessie Sul-

Approximately \$650,000 in net expenditures are contained in the draft library budget for this year, compared to about \$600,000 last year.

The library has grown substantially since the new branches in Minden and Haliburton Village were opened in 2009, doubling its circulation and membership.

"I guess none of us could have anticipated the tremendous growth," Sullivan said.

"Nobody in this room, I don't think, ever questions what you've done or what the library's doing for the county," said Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey. 'The problem is we can't keep expending way beyond our revenues and the library has taken some huge steps."

There are 23 library staff members, full- and part-time, spread out over the library's eight branches and Sullivan said savings could probably be found by reducing staff, all of whom require First Aid training.

Training the current staff will cost approximately \$12,000, since they each need to be paid for two full days' worth of work, plus transportation costs to a training location.

Library employees are not on salary, but paid for hours worked. Many part-time employees work a few hours here and a few hours there.

Wages comprise approximately \$520,000 of the draft library budget.

"I don't feel that a branch that's open eight hours a day needs three people on call to staff it," Sullivan said, but

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We are also seeking a local band or musical group that can attract an audience of all ages to perform as the opening act for Dusk Dances. A professional fee will be paid for four ½ hour performances July 19th to July 22nd, 2012.

Deadline for submissions: February 29, 2012

For a copy of the full applications and terms of reference contact: Daniela Pagliaro at daniela.p@sympatico.ca

> Dusk Dances Haliburton is a project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.





Tourism direction to be evaluated in 2012

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When you take things away, it's harder to put them back

— Carol Moffatt

added it's helpful having enough staff around to fill in when others are ill.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was curious about the comment.

"I would like to know what the strategy is going forward," Reid said. "We've added \$100,000 in budget to the library in two

No one wanted to see library services cut, she said.

"But when you have to make choices, what are you going to do?" Reid asked. "Do you provide ambulance coverage or the library service? That's what we're facing."

"You do have to keep in mind that you did expand in your municipality and also in Dysart," Sullivan responded. "You went from an 800-square-foot building to a 5,000-square-foot [building]. And there were going to be cost ramifications through the years on that, it wasn't just the cost of building the building, because the mandate at the time was to increase hours of opera-

Reid was also curious about a project that had been undertaken by the previous council looking at reducing the number of branches in county.

"We've built these two big libraries, we've added a whole lot of cost and we haven't taken one [branch] out of the system," Reid said. "So the whole strategy . . . one part worked, but the other part didn't work and that's what we're paying for now."

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge took issue with Reid's position.

"Just because Haliburton and Minden Hills chose to build new, large libraries . . . doesn't mean that the other municipalities who choose to have the services in their small communities should do the same as you did."

Reid said if the county wasn't going to close branches, it needs to come up with another plan to reduce expenditures in the

Along with the branches in Minden and Haliburton Village, the library has branches in Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Stanhope and Wilberforce.

It has some 7,500 cardholders.

Sullivan, along with other department heads, will be bringing a revised version of her budget back to council.

Economic development looking to reduce by \$80,000

The county is looking at a reduced economic development budget for 2012.

With county economic development and tourism director Bob Smith retiring in the spring, \$80,200 was removed from the department's budget, dropping it to about

In previous years, the department's budget was around \$450,000.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wanted the money put back in.

"When you take things away, it's harder to put them back in," said Moffatt, who chairs the economic development committee. "We're going to be potentially cutting initiatives."

The county is restructuring the department, shedding its economic development duties to the four lower tiers and concentrating on tourism promotion.

"We need to keep as much money as we can attached to that," Moffatt said.

"Up until two days ago, I would have been able to support that," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, referring to news the county got earlier last week that it would be losing \$332,000 in equalization payments from the Ontario Municipal Partnership

"Now we're into the picking and choosing. I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't wrap my head around anything more than a two per cent levy increase in this

Reid said that compared to vital services like ambulances, the department was less important.

How the department will be restructured is not yet known and it is unclear whether Smith's position will be filled.

The county will be working with tourism stakeholders in its redevelopment.

"I do accept that we need to take some time to look at what it is we really need or want to do to move ourselves forward in the world of tourism," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who said she found herself "mid-point" between Moffatt and Reid and suggested that part of the money be reinstated to the budget.

Most councillors agreed with Reid.

"I know people don't want to hear the doom and gloom that we're in an economic slowdown, but we are, whether they like it or not," said Fearrey.

Your budget should be based on your actual needs, not what you budgeted the year before. If it becomes a priority, we'll find it somewhere."

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge thought money needed to be focused on essential services and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch didn't think money needed to be allocated until there was a firm plan for the department.

The money was left out of the budget. Smith is to retire in April.

More high-speed Internet announced

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus has awarded a local access contract that will provide more than 24,000 homes and businesses improved access to high-speed Internet. The region includes portions of Haliburton County and a northern part of Peterborough County.

As part of the contract, Bell Aliant will provide a wired or DSL solution that will expand broadband access in the 2,700 square-kilometre area. Bell Aliant will lay 121 kilometres of new fibre optic cable and rely on eight new "points of presence" within the region.

Satellite services will provide the balance of high-speed coverage in the area. Satellite access remains the best fit technology for very sparsely populated areas or regions with difficult terrain.

This is the sixth of several contracts that will be awarded to deliver high-speed Internet through wired and fixed wireless services as part of the Eastern Ontario regional broadband project. The \$170 million project is funded by federal, provincial and municipal governments and private sector investment.

"We are making excellent progress in building a new regional network that will allow our residents and businesses to prosper," added Dave Burton, Chair of Eastern . Ontario Regional Network Inc.

Once up and running in fall 2012, a variety of service packages will be offered, ranging from 1.5 Mbps to up to 10 Mbps. These speeds will enable users to stream video and other innovative applications that will support various sectors.





points of view

Celebrating more

Jenn Watt

Editor

THIS YEAR'S CHAMBER of Commerce awards gala Saturday night celebrated more than community boosting and good busi-

ness practice - it recognized work being done to improve the well being of our county's poorest.

It wasn't intentional, but of the awards given out for service to the community (Highlander of the Year, Warden's Award and Not-for-Profit), all returned winners who actively work on reducing poverty or poverty's effects.

John Teljeur was voted Highlander of the Year based on ballots submitted by chamber members who were obviously impressed not only by his work with the local outdoors association, but also by his insuppressible drive to load the local food bank with fresh produce from his garden.

J.T.'s Food Crusade, as he calls it, donated more than 850 pounds of food in 2011.

In his acceptance speech, an obviously surprised and grateful Teljeur took out a photo of his daughter, saying he decided to embark upon his quest to make the world a better place

Not-for-Profit of the Year went to SIRCH Community Services, which provides a range of services that either directly or indirectly work to reduce poverty (think Community

Kitchen, dental outreach, nutrition programs).

In her speech, SIRCH volunteer Wendy Ladurantaye pointed to the

> Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic as one of the year's big success stories, of which SIRCH played a significant role.

Not long after, the dental clinic was given a second nod when it received the Warden's Award, chosen by county Warden Murray Fearrey.

One of the more impressive endeavours in recent years, the clinic has already improved the

smiles of more than 100 adults in Haliburton who couldn't afford dental

These three choices, made independently of one another and without coordinated effort, indicate what is clearly becoming increasing community capacity.

More than that, it shows that the community itself values the effort.

The chamber's nominees for Highlander of the Year were especially impressive this year. While it is cliché to say all nominees are winners, it is fair to say this crop includes some of the most dedicated Highlanders you'll ever meet. Congratulations to Jim Blake, Barb Bolin, Jim Frost, Murray Fearrey, Phil Graham, Doug McIntosh, Beth O'Connor, Janis Parker, Kim Stamp and Dale Walker.



Frozen in time

photo by Darren Lum

Bob the builders

Lynda Shadbolt

Tales from The Great

Green Meadow

OB THE BUILDER and his good friend Bob the Builder Two are celebrating their second anniver-

sary of doing yoga with me at the Blue Sky Yoga Studio.

Both Bobs are wonderful men who came to yoga because they both have hobbies (kayaking, hockey and of course building) that they enjoy doing and want to maintain the flexibility and strength to allow them to continue.

Both Bobs have adult kids who also attend the class with them each week (male and female). Both

Bobs are very funny and bring a lot of humour and interesting pre-class conversations to the studio.

They have both really helped me grow as a yoga teacher. The sequences, language and focus of my teaching have expanded since they have come into my life. The composition of the class has also changed and has gone from being mostly women to being mostly

I've always known that every class takes on its own feeling of community and has it own vibration or pulse. These two guys have created a great vibe that has encouraged more men to join this class (especially the over 50 market).

These two Bobs, and other men who have been doing yoga with me are the best methods of marketing that I have for men. They will be the first one to tell you that they keep coming because they have learned that the object of

a voga class isn't to get one's chin on one's shin or to get the feet on one's head, but to leave the class feeling bet-

ter and more vital than before the class started.

The Bobs will tell you that yoga is a practice that includes working on your flexibility, balance, strength, coordination, breathing, relaxation and stamina.

I think we all know that as we age we start to feel tighter in our body and that can lead to making us feel even older.

A regular practice of slowing down, doing some gentle stretching and learning to fully relax can create a more expansive, open and younger feeling in the body.

Yoga has many benefits to offer men of all ages including that it works the entire body (cardiovascular, skeletal, muscular and endocrine), people of all sizes and shapes can do it, yoga decreases muscle soreness and restores energy, yoga can train your focus and help to balance your mind.

Many of the world's greatest athletes have been known to practice yoga, including Wayne Gretzky, Dan Marino, Kevin Garnett, and Pete Sampras. Pro football player Ricky Williams even put his career on hold for a couple of years and became a certified voga teacher!

I wonder if these two Bobs will ever quit building and become yoga teachers? They would be great at it.



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points of view

Bear with me

N SATURDAY NIGHT, many important people – and me – attended the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards. It was exactly like the Oscars but with far less hair.

It was a fantastic event and many deserving folks were honoured for achievements that benefited the community. Businesses that were shining examples of how enterprises should be run were also recognized.

But I think we can all agree that the highlight of the evening came when I was given special recognition. Yes, imagine my surprise when I received the prestig-

ious "Door Prize" award.



Steve Galea Loon Tales

Sadly, I was not paying attention to the proceedings by this time, as I was trying to figure out if there was any opportunity to sneak back to the dessert table for thirds. But I assume this award is sort of like one of those lifetime achievement awards that you see on TV galas. You know, the type that's given to someone who has tirelessly contributed to the industry for a

full career and is now on his last legs. Interestingly, rather than give out a trophy for this award, honoured recipients are handed a cuddly teddy bear.

I can't tell you how thrilled I was when Mike Jaycock announced my name and that teddy bear was brought over to my table. Needless to say, those around me were thrilled. And I can only speculate that it was incredibly easy access to alcohol at reasonable prices that prevented the crowd from rising in unison for a standing ovation. Let's just call it opportunity missed

Of course, I'm not writing about this to brag. I'm sure many others have also won the coveted "Doorie."

I only mention this because although MC Mike Jaycock did a stellar job, he forgot to allow me time for an acceptance speech.

Needless to say, this is forgivable as I'm sure Mike was also overcome by the excitement of it all.

I mean it's not every day that you're called upon to present a "Doorie" to one of Haliburton's most natural works of art.

Still, as I sit here, basking in the magic of the evening, I feel like I should pass along a word or two from my prepared speech, which I always carry with me to award banquets, just in case something like this happens. So without further ado, here it is.

"Wow! Sorry, I'm just shocked by all this. I mean it's not every day that you are given (insert award name here). Of course, I wasn't expecting this, so I'll speak spontaneously and straight off the cuff.

"First, I'd like to thank my creator. Dad, I'm so happy that you were in the mood that night! Mom, thanks for not having a headache and for carrying me to full term.

"(Stop, look at the crowd and smile humbly.)

"Oh, please, please stop cheering!

"Look, this (insert award name here) means so much to me. "You see, as an artist, you try to see the world through your

own unique perspective. You try to bring to life the written word, so that people won't have to watch more entertaining things on television or YouTube.

And you wonder if people understand what you are trying to get at. What? I'm out of time? (Rush next sentence.) OK, thanks everyone! Sorry to those I've missed. I've got to go!"



pic of the past

ain Street Minden. Submitted by Grant and Mary McCracken. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it to the *Echo* at 146 Highland Street.

letters to the editor

We elected council, not CUPE

To the Editor,

I found it amusing at best that the County of Peterborough was slightly larger but comparable to the Municipality of Highlands East.

Alison Davidson CUPElocal4416 national representative, before making such a statement to the paper, should have checked out the official websites.

The County of Peterborough has a population of 54,000 and an area of 4,000 square kilometres. Highlands East has a population of 3,400 and an area of 758 square kilometres. How she could compare the two is laughable.

We hired our council, not CUPE, and the council was hired to spend our money wisely so the fact that there is a surplus in these economic times should be commended.

People in this municipality can ill afford to have their taxes go up year after year. Businesses are struggling to continue operating with the overhead they have now and CUPE does not create jobs.

It seems that the unions of today want to operate with a big stick as if we work for them and not the other way around.

We need to support our council on this matter to continue to spend our tax dollars wisely.

C. McNabb Highlands East

Pastor gives community thanks

To the Editor,

I want to thank the members and adherents of Lakeside Baptist Church for the privilege of serving as their pastor for the last 22 years.

The goodness of God's blessings made the years fly by and our time as their pastor was rich and rewarding.

I also want to thank all those in Haliburton County that have so generously accepted my wife Dianne and our three girls into your lives. It has been a joy to raise our family in a truly caring and down-to-earth community such as this.

Jesus said blessed are the humble in spirit and that certainly describes many of you who live and cottage in this county.

My future plans are uncertain but my wife and I hope to stay in the county if possible. I am currently prayerfully considering some creative ministry options and we rest in the assurance that our lives are safe and secure in the Lord's hands.

With a grateful heart,

Pastor Brian Plouffe Haliburton

Email your letter to the Editor to editor@haliburtonecho.ca

Patient News helps spread the word at clinic

Jenn Watt

Editor

Patient News is helping the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic better educate its users through a specially created newsletter.

The first edition of the four-page brochure features information on proper flossing, eliminating baby bottle tooth decay and how smoking can negatively affect oral health.

Clinic founder and volunteer Lisa Kerr said the newsletter fits into the organization's mandate of educating patients about maintaining good health.

Everyone who comes through the office gets one.

The clinic is for lowincome adults who cannot afford regular dentistry.

Patient News has committed to providing newsletters to the clinic on an ongoing basis.



Jenn Watt Staff

Lisa and Bill Kerr hold up copies of the new Volunteer Dental Outreach Newsletter created by Patient News for the low-income dental clinic in Haliburton on Jan. 26. From left, dental assistant Skye Smith, Patient News vice-president Joanne Bishop, dentist Bill Kerr and Patient News account executive Andrea Black. In front, Lisa Kerr.

Local Shrine Club to celebrate 25 years

Special to the Echo

Our local Shrine Club is made up of Master Masons from the Masonic Lodge and in central Ontario the Shrine Club is now 3,400 members strong.

"It's the fun side of the Masons," says executive member Wayne Wiggins.

With members from Haliburton, Minden and Bancroft, the group meets in Wilberforce for regular meetings. Wiggins says the local club had 75 members last year.

The members organize an annual golf tournament, curling events and also sell their Christmas cakes to raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Last year our local members raised

\$6,000 to help the children.

The closest Shriners hospital to Haliburton is located in Montreal and children are cared for in this facility for free. The hospital specializes in treating pediatric burns and cleft lip and palette Wiggins says.

"This is the 25th year for the club," says

"This summer we'll have a reception to honour all the charter members, our special ladies and past presidents. Details are to follow."

Wiggins says the new executive is dedicated to continuing to raise funds in the community to help children as they face challenges.

"We're raising as much money as we can to help these kids in hospitals across North America," Wiggins says.



The Algonquin Shrine Club have elected their 2012 executive. From left to right: director noble Eric Mueller, director noble Andy Gray, director noble John Deak, treasurer noble Dean Linton, director noble Charles Mullett, second vice president noble Jim Williams, past president noble Ed Otto, president noble Wayne Wiggins, director noble Ted Bateman, first vice president noble Ron Mark, secretary noble Dave Earle, director noble Frank Wilson. Absent ambassador noble Sean Cook. Photo submitted

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Committee creating volunteer directory

Darren Lum Staff reporter

When a community is as reliant on volunteer organizations as Haliburton County, it only makes sense to record who they are and what they represent.

The Steering Committee for Haliburton in Transition saw a need to clarify the volunteer organization landscape and is currently compiling a list of Haliburton organizations as part of the grassroots Transition Initiative movement.

Steering committee member Reg Holloway, who combed the Internet and the newspapers for information about hundreds of volunteer organizations, led the charge to complete this database starting last October.

Making the list will help avoid duplication of efforts for his organization, Holloway said.

"Our first thought was if we don't know who is working in Haliburton County we may accidentally trip over some feet. We may suggest things that are already being done and that we want to avoid," Holloway said.

The committee, which is comprised of Environment Haliburton members and other concerned citizens, is part of the Transition Initiative.

They describe the Transition Initiative as a worldwide, grassroots movement based on a recognition that our lives and possibly the structure of society could change drastically over the next decade or two because of oil's diminishing availability.

The whole idea of Transition is that we should become more localized, more self-dependent. So we started on this directory and found some information on websites and found some from the newspapers and we're putting

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The whole idea of Transition is that we should become more localized, more self-dependent.

- Reg Holloway

it together. It has become an amazing project with this number of organizations [discovered]," Holloway said.

Holloway started the initiative three months ago and has gained assistance from the other committee members in corroborating the information over the phone.

Through the calls, Holloway said, they have discovered more organizations, as others refer more contacts to add

"The thing grows. As you say, 'When do you know you're finished?' We'll have to draw a line on it. The main thing

is we're encouraging people to tell us when they have changed their contact numbers or email addresses or whatever [such as] websites because that is the failing of most directories. That you start off and they look great and a year later they are out of date," he said.

Holloway said the committee will rely on the volunteer organizations for updates, which will be made on the website they plan to create.

He hopes to present a paper form report to all of the municipal governments within a month.

So far the list is more than 40 pages long and includes some 300 organizations. The organizations will be organized according to growing things, environment, sports, tourism, health care, services, special interests, art, culture, transportation and churches. Each 8.5 x 11 page lists five organizations, accompanied with a descriptive paragraph (of three to six sentences), the main contact person(s) and the related phone number and email address where he/ she can be reached.

Holloway prefers people call him at 705-286-3923, but he can also be reached by email at regandannaholloway@ sympatico.ca.



Dental clinic takes home Warden's Award

from page 1

more concerned with making money than giving back. However, when a group of professionals commit themselves to a project such as the VDO it is "gratifying" to him and the community.

Bill Kerr was appreciative to Fearrey, who attended various fundraisers for the VDO, including hands-on help in the renovation of the clinic.

Kerr redirected the praise to the many people and companies who provided their time and expertise to this effort.

"When you recognize the Volunteer Dental Outreach it's not just us. It is so many people. It's Lisa Stoughton as you mentioned and my wife Lisa and Janis Parker, but there are so many other people that have given so much from our original meeting in December last year where we had the people from HCDC [Haliburton County Development Corporation], Gena Robertson, Curtis Eastmure from SIRCH and so many other people. I can't list them all tonight. There are so many people that were involved [who are] much smarter than me that help put this together," he

Eight months has elapsed since the clinic opened, he said, and the VDO has performed dental work valued at \$181,000 and has helped 142 patients. There are seven volunteer dentists and four dental hygienists. All of them are integral to the success of the outreach.

Kerr said the project owes much of its success getting started to Gena Robertson and SIRCH, who provided the structure and legal status, including the screening process and the not-for-profit knowledge.

"There are a 100 people at least that should be up here because that's about how many it took to put this together and keep it going. So, thank you so much for all your sup-

With a tremor in his voice, a shocked John Teljeur, accepted this year's Highlander of the Year Award and dedicated the recognition to his two-year-old daughter Sarah, who he had with him in the form of a photo for luck.

When she was born she had a very tough time. She had a tough time taking her first breath and then seven days later she almost took her last. I made a lot of promises in those seven days that I'm trying to fulfill now," he said.

"I work with a lot of great people in this community: SIRCH, Community Care, Point in Time. So many different groups that help out other people. These are the real heroes in the community.

He adds it is these people that work in the background who don't get, nor want, the recognition. Teljeur said knowing this makes the award even more special since he works with these people on a regular basis.

"I encourage you and everybody here to continue to do the things you've been doing to this point to help others. There are kids in our community who don't have enough. There are seniors in our community who don't have enough. And for those that give, keep giving. And for those haven't, you're missing a wonderful feeling because this amazing thing has come from it and that's how I feel right now tonight. I thank all the people that have helped me make it to this point. This is in your honour. This is for my daughter, Sarah. Thank you," he said.

When Teljeur was leaving for the gala, his daughter said saying her usual goodbyes and I love yous, but this time added, "You're welcome."

"I didn't know what that meant at the time, but it was almost like a sign," he said.

Teljeur is a volunteer with several organizations such as FoodNet/Food Coalition and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. He works closely with SIRCH, Out to Learn and Community Care. Two years ago he started J.T.'s Food Crusade, which creates awareness and helps find solutions to poverty and hunger.

Last year, he started three more community gardens, including an apple/pear orchard and helped produce close to 1,000 pounds of organic produce for organizations such as the 4Cs, Minden and Cardiff Food Banks, Ontario Early



This year's winners from the sixth annual Business and Community Achievement Awards, from left, front, Tim Hagarty (Andrea's uncle) of Bonnie View Inn, who won the Tourism and Hospitality award; Janis Parker, Lisa Kerr and Bill Kerr of the Volunteer Dental Outreach-SIRCH Community Services, who won the Warden's Award of the Year; Wendy Ladurantaye and Garry Swagerman of SIRCH Community Services, who won the Not-For-Profit of the Year award; Darren Lum of Darren Lum Photography, who won the Skilled Trades and Industry award; John Teljeur, who was Highlander of the Year; and Wayde Greer and Charlie Teljeur, who took home two awards: Entrepreneur of the Year award and the Innovation and Creativity award. Absent for the photos were the owners of the West Guilford Shopping Centre, who won the Business Achievement Award, Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant, who won the Customer First Award and 241 Pizza, who won the New Business award. The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce organized the event.

Years Centre, SIRCH, Point in Time and Community Care.

Teljeur also was the co-creator to last year's Fishstock Music Festival, which raised \$3,000 for Community Care, SIRCH and Haliburton Lions Club and secured a major sponsor for HHOA.

Teljeur has helped spearhead the upcoming Minden Water Festival, which he expects will draw 10,000 people to the Minden Fairgrounds, raising funds for community

This year's nominee list included Jim Blake, Murray Fearrey, Beth O'Connor, Barb Bolin, Phil Graham, Janis Parker, Dale Walker, Jim Frost, Doug McIntosh and Kim Stamp.

Wendy Ladurantaye of SIRCH Community Services, who was this year's Not-for-Profit of the Year recipient, was surprised and deferred to fellow nominee, the Volunteer Dental Outreach-SIRCH Community Services, giving them attention, making the (VDO) representatives (Bill and Lisa Kerr and Janis Parker) stand and accept applause from the audience before making her speech, as she believed SIRCH acted as only support for the outreach.

"I know that each one of the programs that we have can only be successful because of volunteers, because of your donations. I know so many of you donate and it's so vital to those people so thank you so very much," she said, adding Gena Robertson wanted to be there.

Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer were multiple winners. First, with the Entrepreneur of the Year award, as presented by Patient News's Wayne Lavery and the second, for the Innovation and Creativity award with their work as the owners and operators of Bent Nose Media's Highways

"We just really want to thank the community. They had a hand in his from our sponsors with the county to the support with the development corporation [Haliburton County Development Corporation] to everyone that actually listened to us on the Moose [FM] and watched the show. We just want to say thank you very much because it's this type of thing that actually keeps us pushing forward to make this thing a success," Greer said after winning the Entrepreneur

Greer was humble in accepting the second award, which was presented by HCDC's Andy Campbell.

"The only award we thought we'd get from Andy was the biggest debt award," Greer said.

The Bonnie View Inn took home the Tourism and Hospitality Award. It was accepted by Tim Hagarty, who is the uncle to owner, Andrea, who he said is a hard worker and instrumental to the success of the inn.

The West Guilford Shopping Centre's Bill Burden, who was with wife Edna, was direct and to the point in his acceptance speech, giving thanks and expressing shock at winning the Business Achievement Award.

Darren Lum, a staff member with the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times and freelance photographer, was humbled with winning the Skilled Trades and Industry

Other winners of the night include wife Alvy Tsang and husband Alex Cao of Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant for Customer First Award, the 241 Pizza owners Timir Patel and business partner Kalpesh Patel for New Business award.

Both were not present to accept their awards.

New eatery offers up southern cooking with barbecue flare

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

If you're driving up Loop Road and notice a billowing cloud of smoke there is no need to call the fire depart-

Chances are the smoke will be coming from two new smokers situated behind The Olde Ridge Authentic Barbecue, a southern inspired eatery in Harcourt.

Open since Jan. 21, the business is owned by partners Bob Turner and Andrea MacDonald, who live above the restaurant with six-month-old daughter Grace.

Olde Ridge features signature menu items such as pulled pork sandwiches, homemade cornbread and smoked bar-

A ful menu will be available come the summer, with the owners hoping to have it fully licensed by the May long weekend.

Originally from Hamilton, Turner and MacDonald, both 29, decided to open a restaurant that specialized in homemade food with a barbecue twist.

We're staying very true to the southern formula. We're smoking our meat for 12 hours, we're not cutting any corners," said Turner.

All items are smoked in-house using two smokers that came directly from Oklahoma, which can be found tucked in behind the restaurant.

The idea to offer southern cooking came from memories Turner had of his relationship with his father.

"Everything is made from scratch, including our barbecue sauces, and everything is cooked with wood," said MacDonald.

Supported by the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the restaurant is located in the building formerly known as The Ridgeview restaurant and gas station.

Turner and MacDonald purchased the building about a year and a half ago.

"We wanted to keep the integrity of the building because so many people from here have memories of it," said Mac-Donald.

With a pioneer theme throughout the interior, the dining



room includes pine tables crafted by Turner himself.

Both the inside and outside of the building were constructed with the help of local contractors, using local materials.

The decision to move to the area and open a restaurant was based on Turner's experience guiding groups through Algonquin Park.

It was there where he got a firm grasp on cooking on an

"We want to make this place seem like a timeless place in Haliburton County that tastes like Haliburton County, cooked by a wood fire," said Turner.

With an emphasis on slow cooking, items such as the maple baked beans spend about seven hours in the smoker before they are ready to eat.

"A lot of the residents up here who have had them say it reminds them of their childhood," said Turner.

This is the first time the pair have owned a restaurant, although Turner has spent years working in food establishments throughout Ontario.

Owners of The Olde Ridge Authentic Barbecue, Bob Turner, left, and Andrea MacDonald, with Grace Turner, invite the community to savour their southern style food at their new restaurant in Harcourt. Open since Jan. 21, the restaurant features pulled pork sandwiches, homemade cornbread and smoked ribs, among other things.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Fans of live music, down the road the pair hope to host local musicians and concerts. There is even a guitar on site for visitors to pick up and strum a tune.

The restaurant is located at 4167 Loop Rd., at the corner of Elephant Lake Road. The phone number is 705-448-

Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Starting in February the eatery will be open for breakfast on the weekends. By the summer it will be open six davs a week.

Take-out meals are available.

For more information search The Olde Ridge Authentic Barbecue on Facebook.

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Students get political presentation with the help of technology

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Grade 10 civics students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School heard firsthand where a life studying politics can take you.

On Jan. 18, approximately 60 students spilled into the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion to engage in an interactive presentation through a webcam feed with Dr. Peter Loewen, an associate professor of political science at the University of Toronto. Apart from his teaching profession, Loewen was one of the creators of www.votecompass.ca, a website aimed at educating citizens on party politics and their political views through a questionnaire.

HHSS social studies teacher Ryan Merritt, a longtime friend of Loewen's, initiated the presentation.

"Peter's expertise is on voting behaviour of the public," said Merritt.

The high school teacher was hopeful that this knowledge and Loewen's career in political research would spark students' interest. "What I'm trying to do is make this course, which is mandatory, more exciting. I'm trying to create engagement and teach its relevance," he said.

Merritt believed the professor's background provided a good example of higher learning at the high school level.

"Some students haven't even thought past Grade 11," he said, adding this was a way to get them thinking about their future.

Prior to introducing Loewen, Merritt told the class the presentation was to get them thinking at a "global level."

"I want you to think about how you as young adults can become engaged in society," he said.

Speaking from Toronto, Loewen talked about his educational background and why he chose to study politics.

Born in North Bay, Loewen attended university in New Brunswick and Montreal before working for a polling firm and a political campaign. During his educational years, he entered an essay contest run by Magna International. The contest asked him what he would do if elected prime minister of Can-



Angelica Blenich Staff

The Grade 10 civics class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School engages in a presentation via webcam with Dr. Peter Loewen, an associate political science professor at the University of Toronto. Dr. Loewen spoke to the class about his political career, which includes the formation of popular website www.votecompass.ca.

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Selected as a finalist, Loewen received \$10,000 and the opportunity to work for Magna during the summer.

"This taught me that I wasn't that interested in working for a corporation," joked

Deciding he didn't want to work for himself, Loewen instead decided to become a professor. He currently teaches two political science classes at the University of Toronto, as well as researches and writes academic

Dental Hygiene Clinic

papers and books.

Apart from teaching, Loewen helped create Vote Compass, which had two million users during the federal election in May 2011.

The successful website poses a number of questions for users to answer, helping them better identify which political party their ideologies line-up with.

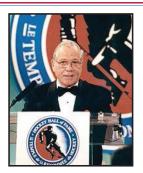
Loewen walked students through the website, gave them the opportunity to answer questions and helped them understand the

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Winterdance Dogsled Tours operator and owner Hank DeBruin holds a dog team in place during a visit to Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton on Wednesday, Jan. 25. DeBruin is a perennial dogsled competitor and has participated in the Yukon Quest and Iditarod.

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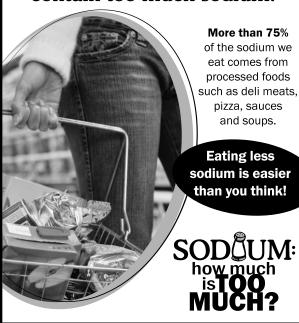
The Winterdance Dogsled Tour operators, Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin, have been giving Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 3s dogsled rides for the past six years. There were 70 students who participated and will complete school writing and art activities (inspired by Ted Harrison), as a result of the experience. The idea started when they offered rides to the peers of their two children, who have since graduated and now attend J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.



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Over the past several months I have had the good fortune to write about how wonderful it is to be a part of Haliburton County and how we as a county are inextricably linked to each other through a common thread of giving and support.

You can imagine my delight when our Governor General, David Johnston, recently urged Canadians to volunteer in 2012.

Johnston's call to arms involved a wonderful point that Canadians are "a nation of barn raisers," stating that more than 80 per cent of us make some kind of financial donation to a worthy cause every year and more than 12 million Canadians spend more than two billion hours volunteering on an annual basis! These statistics are awe inspiring.

Well, based purely on anecdotal information - talking to friends, family, colleagues, people I run into – I think that Haliburton County really could be the "Volunteer Capital of Canada."

People here are amazingly generous! Time, money, services, goods and expertise are given willingly and often in this county. It seems pretty much everyone helps out

ing. I'd like to issue an invitation: if you volunteer, send me an email and tell me (nancy brownsberger@sirch.on.ca).

It can be as simple as writing in the subject line "I volunteer at" with the place you volunteer.

Or, even better, you can write me your story about where you volunteer, how you got started, and why you do it. Are you donating your time to sit on a committee? Volunteering at your child's school? Ploughing a neighbour's driveway? Are you a volunteer for a local agency? Tell me your story and I'll share the stories I get (only with your permission) in future articles.

And I'd like to ask a question: how can we show we're the Volunteer Capital of

How can we prove that Haliburton County has set the bar for communities everywhere?

How did Eagle Lake declare themselves the "Rhubarb Capital of Canada" or Highlands East the "Mineral Capital of Canada"? I'm not sure how those things get decided but I think (as did Murray Fearrey when he opened the SIRCH Volunteer Dental Outreach) that Haliburton County should be declared the "Volunteer Capital of Can-

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Stacy Kirkbride, left, administrative coordinator for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, gives a tour of the facility to Nicole Whiting, second from left, executive director of the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization on Jan. 27. Whiting was joined by Barrie Martin and Ann Lavery during the visit.

OHTO tours the Highlands



meeting, social event and tour of landmarks

Representatives from Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, which rep-

Three-day visit included resents Haliburton County among other central Ontario locations, visited the Highlands for three days last week.

> Along with conducting OHTO business, a tour of the Highlands was arranged and a special meet and greet was held at the Pinestone Resort.

"The weather was perfect for this tour

as it gave the entire winter experience," Maria Micallef, tourism coordinator for the county, wrote in an email to the paper.

Representatives came Jan. 25 to 27 and visited sites such as Sir Sam's ski hill, Haliburton Forest, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the fish hatchery and Rails End Gallery.

The meet and greet session attracted about 50 people Wednesday night to mingle with tourism staff, local stakeholders and Warden Murray Fearrey.

Of all the regions represented by the OHTO, Haliburton Highlands has the most members, Micallef said, with just over 100.

She encouraged other businesses to fill out an application to join.

On behalf of the county tourism department, we would like to thank all those involved in the success of the visit from OHTO, you gave a warm welcome, great marketing information for them to utilize and I can assure you each and every one of them will be back to visit the area both this winter and in the summer," Micallef said.



Martin appointed to Ontario Biodiversity Council

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

For wildlife biologist and outdoors enthusiast Barrie Martin the sandal fits.

The owner and operator of Yours Outdoors, a company focused on experiential tourism, and instructor with Out to Learn, which develops environmental education resources, was recently appointed to the Ontario Biodiversity Coun-

Formed by the Ministry of Natural Resources in 2005, the council is made up of 22 volunteers from different backgrounds, including government, industry and academia, with a focus on conserving biodiversity throughout the

"The bigger context for this is the United Nations conference on biodiversity ... we're trying to get the whole world thinking about how do we conserve biodiversity? This is an extension of that global effort," said Martin.

A biologist with the MNR for 28 years, Martin, 59, worked at the Frost Centre as an education specialist up until 2004, when the centre closed its doors.

'With the help of a team I developed environmental education and natural resources curriculum, for schools and professional development."

He has been involved with the OBC for the past year and a half as the chair person of the education and awareness network, a working group of the council, before recently being asked to join the council's board of directors.

Since its inception, the OBC has developed a number of biodiversity strategies, said Martin, who shared the council's definition of biodiversity.

"Biodiversity is the variety of life on Earth. It includes all living things and the ways they interact with each other and their environment. Simply put, biodiversity is life."

There are three categories of biodiversity; genetic, species and ecosystem.

Recent objectives undertaken by the OBC include thinking about what the earth provides in economic terms.

'They're trying to put a dollar value on ecosystem services, so that when you're talking about economic models you can measure the value of natural resources," said Mar-

Other objectives the council hopes to achieve over the next few years include raising the percentage of biodiversity conservation across the province, reducing the number of harmful pollutants released, implementing a long-term monitoring and reporting system for assessing the state of



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— Barrie Martin



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Wildlife biologist and founder of Yours Outdoors and Out to Learn, Barrie Martin was recently named to the Ontario Biodiversity Council.

Formed by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the council is comprised of a working group of volunteers dedicated to conserving biodiversity in the province.

biodiversity in Ontario and putting programs and policies in place to maintain and enhance ecosystem services.

Partnerships between the council and corporations are also vital to the future of biodiversity in Ontario, said Mar-

"There are businesses that are looking at how to build biodiversity conservation into their business plan. In some cases businesses are ahead of government, which is encouraging."

An advocator for the natural world around us, Martin believes there is a strong relationship between the environment and economy, despite recent attempts to pit the groups against one other.

'When you think of it, economy is the environment. Everything we use as human beings comes from natural resources ... It's such a simple concept, it's not either or, and to put it more bluntly, there would be no economy without the environment," he said.

Martin's involvement with the organization is mostly education related and includes working with the Ministry of Education to review curriculum, ensuring biodiversity concepts are included in all subject areas.

The council is also pursuing the possibility of creating a children's bill of rights that would have statements outlining a child's right to be outside, said Martin.

'When you look at our society, for some kids swimming in a lake has never been done and will never be done."

The goal is to get children connected to the outdoors. similar to what Martin remembers his childhood to be

"When I was young it was out the door ... and what were you doing? You were exploring the backyard, the neighbourhood, maybe the broader community.'

Going forward Martin is excited about the opportunities being involved with the council will bring.

"It's good to be involved on the provincial level, to see the big picture. It really puts what I do locally into context."

Living and working in a place as scenic as Haliburton County, Martin believes you don't have to look far to realize the council's work is important.

"It's important that we protect the landscapes and natural resources that we have locally here."

For more information on the OBC visit www.ontariobiodiversitycouncil.ca.



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Puddle jumping under no one's authority

Darren Lum Staff reporter

About the only law that seems to apply to puddle jumping is that of physics.

Every year snowmobilers from around Ontario make a pilgrimage of sorts to watch and participate in puddle jumping - the act of riding a snowmobile across open water in Dorset.

Hundreds of sleds lineup and watch or take turns skimming the waterway, seemingly flying under the town's bridges.

It's far from being a localized phenomenon as the popularity is truly national, evidenced by YouTube videos on the Internet.

No one interviewed for this story condones the act, but technically there is little any authority can do until after the fact if tragedy or environmental damage is done.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ministry of Environment and the Ontario Provincial Police often work together in such cases, as each of their jurisdictions

The Ontario Provincial Police opposes any open water running, but acknowledges there is no specific law being broken.

sHowever, community services officer, Sandy Adams, said, "if it's somebody doing it for sport and making a game out of it and then somebody gets hurt then they're probably going to be charged either criminally or under the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act. If it's somebody who suddenly finds themselves on the trail and they're crossing open water and gunning it to get across that's a little different circumstance. It will be a caseby-case basis," she said.

The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act is similar to the Highway Traffic Act and falls under provincial jurisdiction.

She reminds the public the OPP can hand out charges specifically when safety is an

"It is dangerous, no matter what way you look at it. There is no specific charge under the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, however, each case would be looked at on a case-bycase basis," she wrote in an email.

"So, Criminal Code charges could apply. An example of those charges would be dangerous driving, or criminal negligence, especially if someone was hurt, or died as the result of someone else's actions. In those cases, it would be dependent on the evidence that is gathered at the scene, by witnesses, etc. And of course, the impaired driving and over 80 sections of the Criminal Code apply to any motor vehicle anywhere in Canada, and that includes snowmobiles

MNR conservation officer Gary Higgins of the Bracebridge office, which is responsible for Dorset, said there isn't anything specific within their power. They defer to the MOE, who will get involved due to the fuel and oil that may seep into the water.

There is no specific legislation that governs snowmobiles that go through the ice," said Michael Longpré of the Ministry of Environment. "However, the Ministry of the Environment may use provisions under the Environmental Protection Act or the Ontario Water Resources Act. Also, the Ministry of Natural Resources is the lead agency which undertakes the responsibility of ensuring that snowmobiles or vehicles are removed from the bottom of any body of water."

Generally, he said, a submerged sled poses an insignificant risk with the fuel tank being sealed, but every case is examined. In comparison, a transport truck poses a far greater risk and concern.

"Depending on the circumstances the Ministry of the Environment may work in conjunction with other agencies to ensure that the motorized vehicle is removed. Also, the ministry, at its discretion, may pursue charges against the operator / owner of the vehicle for potential violations under the Environmental Protection Act or Water Resources Act.

"Violations include the depositing of waste without an environmental compliance approval or allowing the discharge of a contaminant that may impair surface water,"

Higgins also works with the OPP SAVE (Snowmobile, ATV, Vessel Enforcement)

units, who focus on ensuring drivers are sober, wearing a helmet and lifejackets.

'Those are the three main things you're not going to get a break with them," he said. He adds there are three SAVE units that work out of three locations in Ontario: North Bay, Orillia and Kingston. It was formed in 2001 to address the high rate of fatalities on trails and waterways.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president Joachim Matysek, who sees puddle jumping as hot dogging, reminds snowmobilers to stay on the wellmarked trail network, which measures more than 240 kilometres. This is enough to keep snowmobilers busy for an entire week.

'We're strictly trail. We've got our trail. We've got our signage. We got our wardens. We got our STOP officers ... whatever the OFSC says we concur," Matysek said.

The OFSC outlines in its code of ethics to "ride in a responsible manner and will use only marked trails, areas or roads open to snowmobiles."

The OFSC also provides up-to-date status of trails in the province, including Haliburton County (www.ofsc.on.ca/trail-status.html).

As far as lakes, he said, the lakes within the network are properly staked by the association only when there is 12 inches of ice, Matysek said.

"This far exceeds the weight depth to carry a snowmobile. It's just if they cluster together you got to have the ice thickness," he said.

As far as municipal laws, Dysart township bylaw officer, Ron Henselwood said there isn't a bylaw within his jurisdiction.

The snowmobiler since 1970 sees a practical side to puddle jumping if performed under controlled circumstances.

He tested out the practice 14 years ago on the north end of Kushog Lake where it is 60 feet wide and 225 feet in length.

"I tried it and did it a few times more or less to see what it was like so if you come to open water you won't panic because that's where I think a lot of the fatalities [occur] people panic, but it is a controlled area at that part of the lake and it's well marked," he said. "When people go across where it isn't well-marked is where it causes problems since other snowmobilers may follow blindly, which is dangerous for the operator and any passengers."

Henselwood hasn't puddle jumped for five years and stays on trails only following staked courses on lakes, though he admits it was a rush, just like riding a cloud.

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Open house

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The open house gave potential buyers a chance to see the house, which includes a finished basement, a state-of-theart fully equipped kitchen, a stone fireplace and a stunning view of Lake Kashagawigamog. Another open house of the model will be held on Feb. 11 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or the model is available to view by appointment. For more information call 705-457-1429 or visit www. silverbeachdevelopments.

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Unlearning our salt obsession

Jenn Watt

Editor

Our taste for salty foods isn't ingrained from birth; it's

Just as we learn to enjoy salty foods, we can learn to appreciate those flavoured with herbs and spices

They're better for us and can be just as satisfying.

Health unit staff came to Haliburton Foodland Jan. 18 to inform shoppers about the benefits of reducing sodium in their diets and the options that exist to spice up cuisine without the salt.

"Salt is an acquired taste," public health dietitian Rosie Kadwell explained. "You have to train the taste buds [to



Over the long term, it's not a good thing to eat too much sodium.

— Rosie Kadwell



Jenn Watt Staff

like other tastes]."

She recommended dill and lemon as salt replacements

"When I boil potatoes I always add dill and garlic," Kadwell said.

The health unit also recommends using basil, cumin, curry, oregano, paprika, rosemary and thyme to make food more flavourful.

While salt may not seem sinister, eating too much of it can lead to serious health problems including high blood pressure, kidney damage, heart disease and stroke.

Humans should consume about 1,500 milligrams of sodium a day, but most of us take in more than double that amount.

"Over the long term, it's not a good thing to eat too much sodium," Kadwell cautioned.

The health unit display included recipes, examples of herbs, an alternative salad dressing and a raffle for a free cookbook along with ample literature about sodium reduction.

Public health food worker Megan Stong said she was hoping the display would get people reading labels and thinking about what they eat.

There is much media attention to avoiding trans fat, reducing calories and targeting foods high in fibre, Stong said, but not as much about sodium.

"It's not on the forefront of people's minds," she said.

After packing up the display Wednesday afternoon, the health unit sent it to the Diabetes Education Network at the Haliburton Medical Centre.

From there, it is available to any health or social group that would like to educate its users about lowering sodium.

A common misperception about dietary sodium intake is that most of it comes from the saltshaker, Stong said.

"That's not where you're getting the majority of sodium," she said.

Packaged foods, fast foods and restaurant meals are where 75 per cent of people's sodium comes from.

Public health food worker Megan Stong gives Haliburton resident John Miller information about eating foods prepared with less sodium at her display table in Haliburton Foodland Jan. 18. Stong and health unit dietitian Rosie Kadwell spent a few hours in the grocery store educating the public about alternatives to packaged foods, which contain more salt than is

Cheese, pizza, deli meat and soup are all culprits.

Even reduced sodium soups contain more salt than we should be eating.

At the health unit's display, a can of mushroom soup boasting 25 per cent less sodium served as a tool to discuss label reading.

While the regular soup had 820 mgs of sodium per cup of soup, even the reduced can had 480 mgs, which is more than a healthy amount.

According to the health unit, if you see more than 400 mgs of sodium per serving on a nutritional label, that's too much.

Anything in the 200 to 400 mg range is OK, while any food with less than 200 mgs is a good choice.

The best way to ensure you're not getting overly salty food is to make it yourself, Stong suggested.

For more information on reducing sodium, go to www. sodiumhowmuch.ca or www.ontario.ca/eatright or call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Low-sodium all-purpose salad dressing

2 tbsp. olive or canola oil

1 clove garlic, minced

2 tbsp. vinegar (any kind)

1 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. lemon juice

½ tsp. dried oregano

¼ tsp. pepper

Mix the oil, garlic, vinegar, sugar, lemon juice, oregano and pepper in a small bowl or glass jar with a lid. Just before eating, pour dressing over salad mix or spinach or romaine lettuce or leftover raw vegetables and toss gen-

(Adapted from The Basic Shelf Cookbook by Canadian Public Health Association, 2011.)

Spice and herb blends

These combinations can help you spice up your dish without the salt.

All-purpose spice blend

5 tsp. onion powder

2 ½ tsp. garlic powder

2 ½ tsp. paprika

2 ½ tsp. dry mustard

1 ¼ tsp. thyme

½ tsp. white pepper

¼ tsp. celery seed

Malaspina herb blend

1 tsp. thyme

1 tsp. basil

1 ½ tsp. pepper

1 tbsp. paprika

1 tbsp. dry mustard 1 tbsp. garlic powder

1 tbsp. onion powder

Spicy flavour blend

2 tbsp. crushed savory

1 tbsp. dry mustard

2 ½ tsp. onion powder

1 ¾ tsp. curry powder

1 ¼ tsp. white pepper 1 ¼ tsp. ground cumin

½ tsp. garlic powder

Honouring a Scottish poet/writer

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The Haliburton County Historical Society hosted its first ever Robert Burns Day event, honouring the Scottish poet and writer with a lunch, complete with bagpipes and a menu that included haggis, (which includes sheep's innards such as heart and liver made by Kennisis Lake resident, Helen Elliott), Scottish pie, cock-a-leekie soup, mashed turnips and potatoes at the Maple Lake United Church on Thursday, Jan. 26.

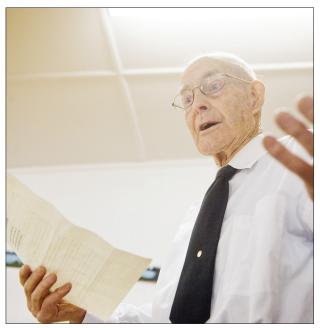
Margaret Giles led the charge from the kitchen, serving up the food that included fresh bread.

Robbie Burns. Day was the day before and is named for the Scottish poet and writer, Robert Burns. Burns was born in Alloway, Scotland on Jan. 25, 1759.

His most famous works include *Auld Lang Syne*, which is the common song sung on New Year's Eve, *Ye Banks and Breaes of Bonnie Doon* and *My Love's Like a Red, Red Rose.*



The main course of haggis, meat pie, mashed potatoes and turnip is served.



Earl Cooper reads from a poem written by famous Scottish poet Robert Burns a day after Robert Burns Day.

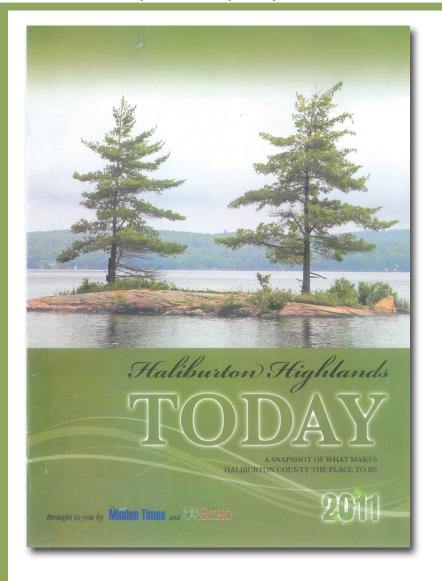


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Sports

Combined efforts keep playoff hopes alive

David Waito

Special to the Echo

The Red Hawks boys' senior basketball team showed their quality when it mattered most in a double-header event while on the road in Lindsay on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Haliburton was up against a tough squad from Kawartha West leading I.E. Weldon (IEW) and then followed it up with a game against the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

The following is a submission by Haliburton coach David Waito.

I.E. Weldon has been traditionally a very strong basketball school, and this year's squad is no exception. They're a good shooting, disciplined team and they came out strong in the first half, leading 35-8 at the buzzer.

But we settled down in the third and played better ball, and wound up tying the second half 18-18. The final score was 53-26. Damon Flatman continued to show solid poise and leadership for us, finishing with 13 of our 26 points.

Regardless, the fact that we were to play two games back-to-back (because of Tuesday's snowcaused bus cancellations) was in the back of all our minds, and we definitely came out gunning against St. Thomas. Our full court press bothered them in the first half and set the tone for the rest of the game. The end of the first quarter read 16-

We dropped back into a solid half-court manto-man part way through the second quarter and ground out a good, well-balanced effort on the offensive end. The score was 25-20 at the half, with Flatman leading all scorers with 10. A concern going into the half was St. Thomas's point guard Nici O'Neill who hit two three [pointers] on us in the first quarter and was getting good looks on us in the second. We gave this defensive assignment to Denver Smith in the second half who played lights-out defense and shut O'Neill down. He glued himself to O'Neill and barely let him see the light of day. Denver played such strong "d" that at one point O'Neill launched and missed a three pointer from eight feet outside the three point arc, just so he could get a shot off.

Offensively, Haliburton's Zack Cox started warming up in the third quarter, scoring seven in that quarter. Cox finished with a very huge 23 points and ran the pick-and-roll on the wing impressively. He continued to dominate the boards for us, and is progressively showing more and more aggression in his play. We were all very happy he had this breakout moment and hope

this roll continues to grow after the exam break. I agree whole-heartedly with Coach Walter Tose who said composure down the stretch

was key for us. We squandered a fourth quarter lead against Fenelon Falls Secondary School earlier this year and didn't want to see our 41-27 lead at the end of the third fall to the same fate. But the boys were not going to let that happen. They continued to play lights-out defense and 12 of Cox's 23 points came in the fourth. The team as a whole shot 70 per cent from the free throw line for the game and learned how to control the clock, winding it down with a tough, hard-nosed offense that kept the ball out of St. Thomas's hands down the stretch. The final score was a decisive 57-36.

Game synopsis

Again, I want to emphasize how balanced of an effort the boys played: Flatman led us offensively in the first half, but Austin Lloyd showed some great heart and set the intensity tone for the team as well. Denver Smith's defense cannot be overstated. And Dylan Smith's energy and rebounding were great to see. It was also nice to have a full squad with Louis Ferracuti and Elijah Anger both back from their injuries. Riley

Tait, Alex Turcotte, and Brendan Cox also gave good minutes off the bench.

We're off for a couple weeks for exams. Next game is on Feb. 7 at Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute in Peterborough, followed by a Feb. 9 match at home against Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School. Playoffs will follow those two games. To get back in gear after exams we're playing a tournament in Bracebridge Feb 3-4th.

Hawks notes

Flatman, combined with Cox for 30 of the 57 points, led Haliburton with 17 points in the St. Thomas win.

Playoffs explained

The playoff format is a "Sweet 16" with teams from Kawartha West (which includes us,

LCVI, IEW, STA, and FFSS, Peterborough public and Catholic schools, and Cobourg. There will be a seeding committee once the season is finished, so things are still up in the air and we don't know how many of the 16 berths Kawartha West will get.

Nevertheless, we are currently third in Kawartha West (behind Weldon and FFSS) after beating LCVI two weeks ago and STA last week.



Real-tor action

Haliburon Realtors forward Anthony vanLieshout clashes with The Piners defenceman during 14th annual Haliburton Home Builders Hockey Tournament on Friday, Jan. 27. See additional photo next page. **Darren Lum** Staff







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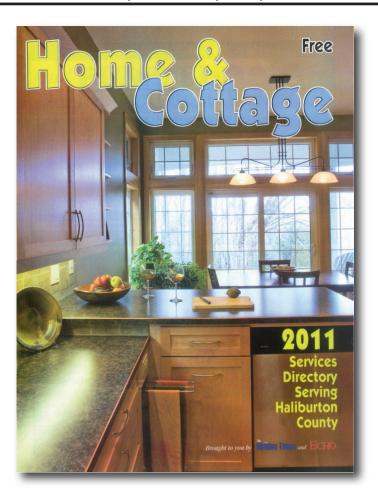
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Hockey winners

Haliburton Realtors centreman Ron Yake takes the faceoff during the first game of the Haliburton County Home Builders Hockey Tournament held at the Dysart Arena on Friday, Jan. 27. This event helps to raise money for the food banks in Haliburton and Minden and was held from Jan. 27-Jan. 29. There were close to 200 hockey players that came from all over southern and central Ontario. The Mitt Lickers of Toronto won the Open division over the Minden Mallards. Haliburton's G's Units won the Home Builders division and beat Minden team TBDTEA (The Best Drinking Team Ever Assembled). This is the G's Units' fourth win since 2007. Noteworthy: First time in 14 years the Misfits finished this tournament penaltyfree. Photo by Darren Lum

Classic **Nordic** qualities exhibited

Darren Lum Staff reporter

Local skiers put their best ski forward at the Muskoka Loppet held at the Arrowhead Provincial Park located in Huntsville on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Risto Santala (15 km) and Joleen Thomas (15 km) both won gold in Classic. Santala won his category (70+) and finished the Classic course in 58:20. Fellow gold winner, Thomas (30-39) captured her category with a time of 1:22:37.

Fellow Haliburton County residents Jennifer Paton (30 km) and Mike Darlington (30 km) skied a strong Classic race. Darlington finished seventh (50-59), completing the course in 2:19:51. Paton finished third (40-49), completing the course 2:33:05.

Rounding out the participation list included Blake Paton, who skied with daughter Charlotte, finished the 6 km Classic race in seventh (42:37). Paton's daughters, Betty and Charlotte not only completed the 6 km Classic course, but finished fourth (Betty) and fifth (Charlotte) respectively.

Skyline bonspiel draws 24 teams

The 53rd Skyline Men's Curling Bonspiel was held at the Haliburton Curling Club Jan. 20 to 22.

There were 24 teams from across the province competing for prizes and the four trophies sponsored by local busi-

The Haliburton Lumber trophy was won by the Jim Grant rink from Peterborough. The Curry Motors trophy was won





by the Doug Glass rink from London. The Home Hardware trophy was won by the Randy Grant rink from Uxbridge.

The Dawson Insurance trophy was won by the Steve Fron rink from Oshawa. Three Oshawa rinks skipped by Bob Johnston, Dave Connell and Del Watson reached the finals. A great time was had by all.

- submitted by Wayne Hussey





Clockwise. from top left, Haliburton Lumber A event winners from left, John Grant, Sterling Johnson, Josh Johnston and Mark Thomas; Curry motors B winners from left, Ray Radford, Dick Bowman, Doug Glass and Rick Louzon; Haliburton Home Hardware C event winners from left, Jim Markle, Howard Harper, Wayne McArthur and Randy Grant; and Dawson Insurance D event winners from left, Steve Fron, Greg Rayko, Ralph Schlottke and Steve Nicholls. Presented by, at right, Art Dawson. Photos submitted by Wayne Hussey

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Highland Storm beat Durham Crusaders 7-1

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry sponsored Peewee As started their OMHA playdowns on Saturday, Jan. 28. The first game, in the best three out of five, was in Minden at 5 p.m. against the CYO (Church Youth Organization) Durham Crusaders from Oshawa (Victoria Durham League). It was with a little apprehension, because it had been several weeks since the Storm's last game, and Oshawa is a much bigger centre (not to mention the Crusaders' one goalie who, at 13, is six foot two). After the first period started it was soon to be seen that the Storm was outskating, outshooting and outplaying their opponent.

The first goal came with five minutes and change left in the first by Chase Burden assisted by Max MacNaull. The second period was a third over when Josh Boice scored assisted by Kyle Cooper. The third period saw some penalties for the Storm allowing the Crusaders an almost two-minute power play of three on five, but the Storm boys put forth a great effort and maintained their two-goal lead. Chris Thompson assisted by Josh Boice scored the third goal and to finished it off the fourth goal was by Greg Crofts, assisted by Devyn Prentice and Mark Saville. A 4-0 win for the Storm and a shutout for goalie Parker Smolen.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, the Storm players and families travelled to Oshawa to play a game at Durham University Campus Pad 2. The weather was a bit dicey when we started out but cleared as we approached Norland and remained that way for the rest of the drive. The Crusaders had a difficult drive home the night before, but everyone arrived safe. Now being on home ice there was concern the Crusaders would step up their game and they seemed to try harder for the first two periods but by the third the game was really much the same as the day before. Matt Wilbee started the scoring off in the first period assisted by Jake Bull. Matt continued the scoring with a second short-handed goal unassisted in the second period and then a third for a hat trick assisted by birthday boy Ethan Keefer at the top of the third. The Crusaders changed goalies in the third as did we, giving Ryan Hannah some time on ice. Andrew Hall added a fourth goal assisted by Mark Saville. Then Max MacNaull had a fifth unassisted, followed by Andrew Hall assisted by Matt Wilbee for No. 6. And to end the third period, Devyn Prentice scored the last goal assisted by Mark Saville and Greg Crofts to bring home the win of 7-1 for the Storm. Our next game is Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in Whitby at the Iroquois Centre Pad 3 and then the return game if necessary Sunday, Feb. 5 in Minden at 5 p.m.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

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Atom AE sweeps playoff series

With a pair of victories on Saturday and Sunday, the Highland Storm Atom AE team defeated Gravenhurst in three straight games advancing to the next round of the playoffs. The Highland Storm won 8-1 in Gravenhurst on Saturday with Jake O'Neill scoring three goals, Miki Bukta and Nigel Smith each scoring two goals and Paul Turner netting one.

The team's puck passing and puck handling showed good improvement in both games. The second game in Minden on Sunday resulted in a 7-1 win with Jake O'Neill again earning a three goal hat-trick, Miki Bukta scoring two goals, and Will Petrie and Paul Turner each scoring one. Goalie Jaxson Campbell had an excellent series. Everyone on the team is showing an increased ability and confidence in his game, which coach Jim O'Neill looks to harness in what is sure to be an exciting higher level of competition in the next playoff round.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Atom As travel to Sarnia

After a long day of travelling on Thursday, we woke up early to an 8 a.m. game against Canton New York Bears, we lost this game 3-1. It was a disappointing start to our day.

Two hours later we were playing the South Huron Sabers, we found ourselves with another loss of a score of 4-2. We still had a glimpse of hope to move on to the semi-finals if we won our Saturday morning game. With how the points worked out there were three of us in the bottom, so we had to win the game along with every period to advance on. We came out strong wanting to clinch our spot in the semis, but unfortunately came up short once again. We were playing the Sterling Blues, with them beating us 2-1, that sealed our fate, and we were sent home, with a sad ending to our weekend. With ever game with only a goals difference, not in our favour, we all still tried hard

Now we can concentrate on doing well in the playoffs. Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Bantam B girls finish

The Minden Car Quest Highland Storm Bantam B girls' hockey rebounded Monday night, Jan. 16, in Lindsay after their weekend hockey tourney in Huntsville.

The Storm Bantam B girls finished in third spot with a record of 1-2-1, beating Normanby, a 2-2 draw with Vaughn and two hard fought 2-0 losses to Nepean and Clearview - Clearview being a team theywill face-off against in provincial playdowns. The game against the Lindsay Lynx Bantam C squad on Monday saw the Storm girls regain some of their offensive and defensive composure in the 6-0 win. Erin Little and Sydney Feir both tallied two goals each and Cassidy Garbutt and Nicole Black both chipped in with singles. Defensively, the Minden Car Quest blueliners of Maddie Allore, Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden shut down the Lynx with only three D. Connor Marsden secured her seventh shut out of the regular season.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Bantam AEs begin playoffs

The Highland Storm Bantam AEs sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security opened their best of five series verses the Georgian Shores Lightning on Saturday. The Storm carried the play in the first period and although they had some good opportunities the opening frame ended scoreless.

Georgian Shores opened the scoring at 12:38 of the second period while enjoying a two man advantage. They held the lead until the 5:55 mark and that is when the Storm took control. Hunter Bishop and Jaydon Wood each scored twice in a four minute span and the home team went into the intermission with a three goal lead.

The teams traded goals in the third with Bishop scoring once again to complete the hat trick and Kyle Lavergne also scoring to make the final 6-3. Brenden McKee and Drew Vanlieshout had two assists each for the Storm while Angus Sullivan, Caleb Schmidt, Damon Winder, and Lavergne also drew assists.

Game two will be held in Thornbury next weekend. Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Highland Storm midgets win

The TimBr Mart Highland Storm midgets have just successfully completed the first round of the OMHA playdowns against Schomberg. The first two games went to the Storm with a tally of eight goals for with only one against. This past weekend the Storm was hoping to finish the series in three straight games but the Schomberg team found their game and won at home with a score of 4-3 in over time. Scoring for the Storm was Tanner Hamilton, Ryan Hunter and Jacob Harrison with assists to Tanner Ballantyne, Zach Boice, Kieran Poropat and Mike Dack. That forced a game four which was held Sunday in MInden. Schomberg would get the go ahead in the first period. The Storm would answer back with two in the second by Tanner B and Tanner H with one helper going to Zach. Schomberg would return the favour and at the intermission the score was knotted at two.

The visitors seems to come out for the third with the edge and scored a quick one to again go ahead. Not until late in the third did the home team get organized and tie it up with a low hard shot from Tanner H at the blue line assisted by Zach and Jacob Sisson. With just over a minute to play the Storm would now go ahead with a hard to the net play by Nick Hunter assisted by Ryan and Zach. That was when the momentum shifted. With some fire now in their eyes, the home team was focused. Schomberg would pull their goalie in the dying seconds of the game and that allowed Jacob S to slip in an empty net goal through the crowd. At the buzzer the Storm would win this first round and are now waiting for their next opponent.

Peewee AE starts playoffs

The Highland Storm Peewee AE playoffs began in Minden on Sunday, Jan. 29 against Oshawa. The Storm team came out to win and dominated most of the game. The Oshawa goalie however, stood solid in net and allowed the Storm a 1-0 win. The first and second period were filled with chances by the Storm team but despite the number of shots on net, it remained scoreless. The game was fun and full of penalties, scoring opportunities and a penalty shot! It was early in the 3rd period when things heated up and the play finally resulted in a goal by the Storm. Passes came from Aidan Garbutt and Alex Petrie, while scrambling in front of the net, the puck found the stick of Jon Morrison and he put it in.

A well-deserved shutout goes to Josh Bellefleur, and an awesome team effort that grabbed the first win of the playoffs.

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Enough television watching and YouTubing. Just pick up your tiny friend and get happy.

Now, as it happens, Vilma Yuccch, Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes and Twindle Mumbly bought ukuleles, too. The girls bought the concert size, that's one bigger than the smallest, the Soprano, like Tiny Tim used to play. And Twindle bought a Tenor uke, which is the 2nd largest next to the Baritone uke ... a big bruiser that we've yet to see here in Lake WhaddyathinkImean.

Why just the other night as a fire was crackling in the hearth we all sat around strumming and singing, "When the Saints Come Marching In." And I'm telling ya ... if we'da left the door open, I'm sure those saints woulda marched in, in droves.

Now most folks don't know this, but a young Hawaiian fella named Jake Shimabukuro (she-ma-boo-koorow) had a lot to do with all the hooplah. Why, he can play the ukulele like Michaelangelo could sculpt stone. That's right. He's an amazing international virtuoso who has taken the world by storm and changed our thinking the uke is a toy to being a downright gem of an instru-

Why, on his most recent album 'Peace Love Ukulele' (which, by the way, debuted at #1 on the Billboard World Album Chart), Jake and his uke effortlessly mixed jazz, rock, classical, traditional Hawaiian music, and folk, into sounding all masterful-like and unique in the music

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What'd you say, Bogart? (He's my bear, don'tcha

know).

You want to play, too?

Well, I think the Baritone uke would be the right size

I think I'll surprise Bogart with a ukulele for Valentine's Day. After all ...the family that plays together ... you got

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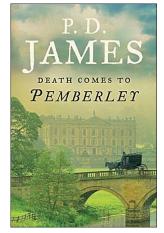


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Reads of the week



Book of the Week:

Death Comes To Pemberley by P.D. James

The year is 1803 and Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy have been married for six years. They now have two handsome sons, Elizabeth's beloved sister Jane and her husband Bingley live nearby and, all in all, the world of Pemberley seems as orderly and blissful as can be. The eve of the annual autumn ball, however, marks an end to this tranquility when

Lydia Wickham - Elizabeth's younger, unreliable sister arrives screaming that her husband has been murdered. If you enjoy the unforgettable characters brought to life by Jane Austen and the heart stopping mysteries created by P.D. James, then why not try *Death Comes To Pemberley*? The Haliburton County Public Library has it in both print and e-book formats.

Junior Book of the Week:

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

The monster showed up just after midnight. As they do. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting. He's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the nightmare he's had nearly every night since his mother started her cancer treatments. This new monster, though, is something entirely different. It's something dark, wise and as old as the world itself - and it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth. A Monster Calls is a stunning, sensitive and unexpectedly witty new YA novel from Patrick Ness and it has received rave reviews from teens, adults and literary critics alike. You can reserve this title in print, talking book or e-book formats from your library.

Local Celebrity Read:



Ron Murphy, studio engineer at 100.9 Canoe FM, is constantly reading his copy of Daniel Bukszpan's The Encyclopedia of Heavy Metal in preparation for his new Heavy Metal radio program appropriately titled Mandatory Metal. "I originally bought The Heavy Metal Encyclopedia for my son for Christmas, but I stole it back," says Murphy. Murphy's son belongs to the metal band Remain, which is based out of Barrie, Ont.

"I get a lot of useful information for Mandatory Metal from this encyclopedia," he says. "It provides a good timeline of the history of metal, best-of lists, controversial album covers and alphabetized profiles of



bands from a large variety of sub-genres. It's a big book.' Mandatory Metal, in Murphy's words, is "a good mix of classic metal and new metal from both established bands and those up and coming." It airs on Canoe FM on Friday nights at 12 a.m.

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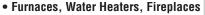
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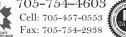
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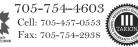
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Top left and centre, Laura Smith took these photos of the marten that was having a snack on her back deck



Sandra Bramham took this photo of the two deer who visited Greenmantle Farm.

Off-road driving in the wintertime

Kelly Williams

QMI Agency

Recently, I was able to see the true benefit of owning a vehicle with off-road capabilities while my boyfriend and I were visiting a friend in Arizona.

The weather was great while we were there and I can see why it is called the "Valley of the Sun" - it was sunny every day we were there. My friend lives about one hour outside Phoenix near what I would call the "boonies" - just past her home, there is no development and much of the land is State owned with many great trails.

Gail doesn't own an SUV but her car is all wheel drive (AWD) and it has a pretty high ride height. I should probably also mention she used to be a rally car driver and has a lot of off-road driving experience (although the type of offroad driving we did was at much slower speeds).

Still, this type of driving isn't for everyone and it is important to know that safety and judgment are critical for offroad driving. Being able to judge things like break-over heights, inclines and declines and potential roll over situations is really important. Some people think off road driving is done at high speeds when in actuality it is done at much slower speeds (what I often refer to as "crawling" speed). And crawling is what we did through the desert.

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the sunset with Saguaros and Cholla cactus as our only obstructions. When you drive down the road there are lots of trails leading off on either side (so many decisions!). Some of these trails are probably better suited to an all terrain vehicle (ATV) but eventually we decided to take one that looked like we could make it. However, we didn't make it very far before we encountered some areas where we thought we might incur damage; so, we parked and hiked up the hill. We pulled out the gear and enjoyed an amazing sunset! I actually think her vehicle did more off road excursions

The first day, we decided to pack up a picnic, lawn chairs

and Mexican blankets and head up to where we could see

in the week while we were there than the entire time she

has owned it. Three out of seven days we were off gallivanting on the trails. One trail we found actually brought us back to the main road and we didn't get stuck once ... Although we did try to go up one hill and ended up backing back down since the rocks were loose and the tires were

For some of us we will get to experience our own "off road" driving when we get a huge snowstorm and we have to drive over the snow that the snowplough has just piled up. Obviously I'm being facetious when I say this. Just be careful to not get stuck or high centered as you perform this manoeuvre.

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Heath Swannell, Controller Patient News Publishing Ltd. hswannell@patientnews.com Fax:705-457-5273 Clockwise, from above, snowmobiles ride over the crest of a hill near Haliburton; John Blaicher gives lastminute instruction to a snowmobiling newbie before she takes on the training course at the Pinestone Resort; Blaicher provides instruction to people new to snowmobiling at Pinestone Resort outside of Haliburton on Jan. 26. Photos by Jenn Watt



Snowmobile newbies start on right track

Jenn Watt

Editor

Snowmobiling isn't always an easy sport to get into.

It can be expensive, requires instruction and, to some, seems unsafe.

To counteract these barriers to getting out on the trails, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs sponsors a special event to introduce new people to the activity.

Go Snowmobiling – Give it a Try Tour offers instruction and information and includes a 45-minute trial run on a snowmobile provided by sponsor manufacturers

ers.
"Our No. 1 objective is to introduce the snowmobiling experience to people," tour manager Mark Lang said.

Lang is president of Digital Video, which produces *Snowmobiler TV* and *Snow Goer Magazine*, and is responsible for the Go Snowmobiling tour.

Lang recognizes that many don't have

access to snowmobiles and are unsure of what being part of the snowmobiling community entails.

The few snowmobilers who act recklessly also contribute to the perception that the sport is unsafe, which is what the tour attempts to debunk.

"It isn't dangerous; it's actually a lot of fun. It's about how you approach it," Lang said.

For four days last week, the tour stopped in the Haliburton Highlands, running eight sessions with participants from around the province.

Based out of the Pinestone Resort, instructors took groups through a specially constructed training course, advising on technique and safety tips, before taking groups out on the trails for a calm and controlled ride.

One of the instructors, John Blaicher, told the group that he had been riding since he was five years old and has never gotten into trouble.

Contrary to what's seen in the media



Final Rail Trail Workshop to Evaluate Options

Interested member of the public are invited to participate in this final workshop on the Rail Trail to express their level of support for a variety of options that have come forward throughout the community engagement process.

The workshop will be held on **Thursday**, **February 9**th **from 6:30-9:30 pm** at the Minden Community Centre.

There will also be a final survey accessible on-line around the same date at www.surveymonkev.com/s/RT-evaluating-options.

Click on the Rail Trail tab of the County's website for more information about the on-going community engagement strategy for the Trail. http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/ regarding snowmobile accidents and fatalities, Blaicher's experience has been a wholly good one, which he credited to being a cautious rider.

"Part of our process is to make sure you build the confidence so the first experience is a good one," Lang explains.

To do that, instructors make stops along the ride, checking in with participants.

They also suit up all riders with full snowmobile gear to make sure no one is cold and uncomfortable.

The end result, Lang hopes, is a group of people more likely to join the snowmobiling community.

"We have an excellent rating on the surveys. We're pushing a 98 per cent, 100 per cent satisfaction," he said.

Every season, about 600 people take part in Go Snowmobiling Tours.

This year, the tour makes stops in Owen Sound, Calabogie and Wasaga Beach along with Haliburton.



Head Lake Eatery Welcomes **Duane Hicks** from the hit tv show Ice Pilots Friday February 3 from 6-7pm Come for the Fun stay for the Food for more information call 705-457-8882

Scotty Morrison tournament this weekend

Don't forget to come to the fourth annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament this weekend and meet and greet the troops. Fans were clearly supporting the Canadian National Amputee hockey team over the OPP and NHL alumni team during last year's exhibition game. This year CFB Borden go up against CFB Petawawa with NHL Alumni on Saturday, Feb. 4. Photo by Darren Lum

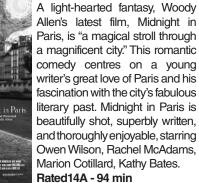
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Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604

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Feb 8: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will meet at 1 pm at Stanhope Community Centre. Jan Anderson, an Osteopath, will instruct on how to prevent and treat chronic and acute injuries as they apply to sewing and quilting. Bring running shoes, comfortable clothes, a pen & paper and participate. Call Pat Stiver at (705) 489-3751 for information.

Feb 11: Lochlin community Centre Spagnetti Dinner served with meat sauce, salad, roll and dessert. Adults \$10 Children 12 & under \$6 Children 4 and under FREE. For reservations call Leitha @ 705-286-1398 or Helen 705-286-6087 Seatings available for 4:30 or 5:45

Feb 11: Tall Pines Snowmobile Club Poker Rally for more information visit www.tallpines.org

- Highland's Hand weavers & Spinners Guild meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574
- TOASTMASTERS meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 80. What is TOASTMASTERS? Visit www.toastmasters.org
- Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 The public is invited to enjoy a great lunch menu at the Minden Legion (corner of Hwy #35 and County Rd. #21) from Monday to Friday with a meat draw every Wednesday at noon and speciality fish & chips on the fourth Friday of each month. Every Friday evening we also offer a great fish & chip dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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A traditional Scottish feast

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The January meeting of the Haliburton Historical Society began with a traditional Scottish meal of cock-aleekie soup followed by neeps and taties - to the uninitiated it means chicken and leek soup and turnips and potatoes. This was prepared by Margaret Giles, assisted by Judy Carpenter who baked the cake with the decoration of the Masonic symbol in icing.

Earl piped in the haggis made by Helen Elliot and ready made the address to the haggis. Very well received by all in attendance.

Speaker for the meeting were Gareth Kellett and Giles Connelly who presented a history of when and where the Masonic Lodges were opened in the district. The February meeting of the Historical Society happens on Feb. 23, at 1:30 p.m. at the Maple Lake United Church with Fred Gregory on the topic of Clark's Corners March, April and May meetings will also be held there at 1:30 p.m.

Our sympathy is offered to Casey Somerville of the Irish Line whose brother, Harvey passed away on Jan. 27 at Extendicare. His funeral was conducted from the Community Funeral Home on Jan. 30.

The funds from the fourth annual Scotty Morrison tournament go to the support of Community Care. Call 705-457-2941 for further information.

We rejoiced in the company of two of our sons, George and Alan and his son, Philip, on the weekend as they celebrated with us the birthday of Burns at the Legion on Jan. 28. Earl piped in the haggis carried by Alan and Philip and gave an abbreviated but dramatic address to the haggis. Andy Christie of Bancroft delivered the Immortal Memory, the pipers and drummers of Haliburton band opened the program, Breanne Mansfield and her highland dancers performed beautifully. Mike Turner led us through several Scottish Country dances, Bev MacDonald and Brian Sachs entertained with piano and fiddle music and all was MCed by George Cooper who also recited Robert Service's The Haggis of Private McPhee. After all it was worth facing the stormy gale to be there. The fine tasty buffet at the end of the evening was presented by Carol Alexander and her sister and family and enjoyed by all.

Euchre on Jan. 24 reported the following results: high scores Myra Marshall and Ray Campbell; low scores -Tina Hadley and Ray Sisson; most lone hands- Bargara Brownsberger and Georald Hadley; specials - Tina Hadley, Ed Muenzel and Liz Jesseman.

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7 p.m. - Eve-Jam session ryone welcome to play and listen to great music.

Meat draw 2 p.m. Karaoke 9 p.m. to close.

Recent Events - Robbie Burns dinner was a sold out event. Every table full. The dinner was excellent. The Ladies Auxiliary are to be commended on wonderful meal. Highland dancing followed dinner and we were graced with a wonderful group from the Oshawa area that livened up our evening. Thank you to all who helped make this event memorable.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Valentine's Dance - 9 p.m. to close - DJ Pat Casselman, spot prizes, everyone welcome. Come join the fun!



Something sweet

The new executive of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association was selected Friday at its annual general meeting and information day in Buckhorn. Bad weather delayed the start of the meeting but, despite the poor driving conditions, more than 60 producers turned up, the biggest crowd in years. From left, past president Neil Campbell of Minden, directors Randy Beacler of Kinmount and Jody Peters of Bancroft, secretary-treasurer Alan King of Wilberforce, directors Brian Menton of Gooderham, Jim Moore of Janetville and Ron Millen of Omemee, vice-president Brad McCamus of Cavan and president Paul Reed of Uphill. /Submitted by Neil Campbell

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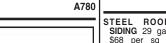
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(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario) Peacefully on Friday January 27, 2012 at Extendicare-Haliburton in his 86th year. Sadly missed by his loving wife of 60 years, Irene. Loving father to Marlene (Lenard Woodcox), Diana (Ken Knibbs) Deborah Challacombe (Mark Kenesky). Also fondly remembered by

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Visitation & Funeral Service

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We would like to thank family, friends, and staff at the Haliburton Extendicare, Dr. Hartwick and all my co-workers at the Dysart Municipal Office for your compassion and support in our loss of Earl Johnston on Jan. 6, 2012. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Dwain & Lori at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home and to Pastor Lorne Trimble & Organist Carolyn Trimble for the lovely service. The Sayers Family

MY FAMILY AND I

Want to express our sincere appreciation for all the cards and expressions of sympathy extended to us on the passing of husband, father and grandfather, Gordon Pierson, who passed away on Dec. 30, 2011.

Our special thanks go out to Dr. Norm Botum, for his warm personal attention during this difficult time.

Our thanks also to the home support provided by the staff of the Access Centre as well as the passionate nursing care which enabled Gord to remain in his home for his final days. He will be missed.

Doris Pierson & family.

CHAFFE, Elsie Clarissa (Lewis) - Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, January 27, 2012. In her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late Alan James Chaffe. Dear mother of Wendi (deceased), Robert (Bob) and his wife Sheila, Kenneth and his Laurie, Larry and his wife Penny. Loving grandmother to Alana, Andrew, Ryan, Kristen, Katharine, Alan and 3 great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her many friends in Wilberforce and the surrounding communities. Friends are invited to visit the family at the St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Loop Rd., Wilberforce on Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at South Wilberforce Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Salvation Army would be appreciated and can be arranged through the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M Service will be held at the 2K0. Legion Thursday at 10:30 church on www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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